THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, there is no scientific basis the fish treatment of Asthma and bronchitis. There should be sufficient amount of evidence to prove efficacy of this treatment modality for it to be patented. Since no scientific evidence through properly conducted clinical trials are available to validate the results no steps have been taken to encourage/discourage such practice.

Amount Allocated by IEC Materials to Assam

830. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government allocated Rs. 13 crores for I.E.C. materials for the State of Assam during the year 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of it only Rs.50 lakhs were released for Assam for the above purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons for not releasing the entire fund; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure release of the whole amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A sum of Rs.368.625 Lakhs was released to the State of Assam during 1999-2000 for IEC activities. This included activities under the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme.

VRS/VSS in PSEs

831. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) The VRS/VSS paid, so far, in PSEs as per available information (Enterprise-wise); and

(b) the closure cost of PSEs closed, so far, (Enterprise-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES